

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis or "paralysis of the stomach," is a digestive/motility disorder which causes those afflicted to experience debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss or gain, and overwhelming fatigue; and

**WHEREAS**, gastroparesis affects more than 5 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known cure and few effective treatment options for gastroparesis; and

**WHEREAS**, those affected by gastroparesis seek more research, additional treatment options and effective medications, better support, and hope for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, those affected seek to increase awareness of gastroparesis and educate the medical community and the general public of the effects of this disorder; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 2016 as

**GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 4th day of August, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

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Peter Shumlin

Governor

